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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT REYKJAVIK FROM SECSTATE 10 APRIL
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SUBJECT: ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE RETENTION ISSUE

AMBASSADOR SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AGUSTSSON
FROM THE SECRETARY:

AMBASSADOR IRVING HAS TOLD ME THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING
INVOKING ARTICLE VII OF THE 1951 DEFENSE AGREEMENT CONCERN-
ING OUR BASES IN ICELAND. THIS SURPRISED ME VERY MUCH BE-
CAUSE I THOUGHT WE WERE WELL EMBARKED ON THE COURSE OF
INFORMAL BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WHICH YOU HAD PROPOSED
AND TO WHICH YOUR RECENT VISIT HERE HAD CONTRIBUTED SO USE-
FULLY.

I MOST STRONGLY HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ON THAT COURSE
WHICH YOU HAD EARLIER LAID OUT. I AM CONCERNED THAT AN
INVOCATION OF ARTICLE VII AT THIS PARTICULARLY DELICATE AND
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COMPLEX STAGE OF EAST- WEST NEGOTIATIONS ON EUROPEAN
SECURITY AND MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS COULD
GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY IS WEAKENING
ON IMPORTANT SECURITY MATTERS. I AM SURE FROM MY DISCUS-
SIONS WITH YOU IN JANUARY THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE
THE BROAD INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE VERY MUCH AT HEART, AND
I URGE YOU TO TAKE THOSE BROAD CONSIDERATIONS FULLY INTO
ACCOUNT AS YOU DEVELOP YOUR POSITIONS ON THE BASE ISSUE.

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